



"The Shopping Center"

Miller & Rhoads

That Old Well

Have you heard the news of the discovery of the "old well," just unearthed by workmen excavating the foundations for our new building at Sixth and Grace Streets?

Deep down, some thirty or more feet below the curb line, on the north side of the excavation and directly under where the Presbyterian Building once stood, men at work with pick and shovel, where they supposed the earth was firmest, were startled when they came suddenly to the top of this old well—dug there at a time when the memory of man raneth not—so deep that, at this writing, its true depth has not been determined.

And do you know that this very thing—a hidden well—is the one thing looked for by building contractors, but always with an earnest hope it will not be found? As the mason dreads reef or sunken derelict, so does the builder dread that which is likely to make difficult the solid foundations necessary for construction work of stone, steel and brick.

Nevertheless, the "find" was an interesting one.

Uncluttered by the oldest city maps extant, and, so far as we know, unknown to the oldest of our citizenship, this forgotten old landmark excites a new and curious interest daily from old and young who have learned of its existence.

POOR OLD WELL so rudely awakened from your peaceful slumbers of scores of years! Can you not SPEAK OUT and tell present-day Richmonders something of your historic, perhaps romantic past?

We fancy that for data relative to your usefulness we must harken back to old Virginia tavern days and days of "the old homestead," when thoughts of your location ever being more than a suburb of Richmond were but wild imaginations—days when "the old oaken bucket" that kept your company, and served refreshments to the weary travelers, tips was yet in its prime.

What a wealth of tender recollections, kindred ties and early affections must be mingled with the memories of "things that were" when the oldest of us were young. And just so, when the youngest of us are old, there will be a "looking back" to the THINGS OF TO-DAY whenever fond recollections present them to view!

In a few short years the Miller & Rhoads Store will be "looking back" to this good year of 1916, to the time when its fine new building seemed all sufficient for its purpose for many years to come. Will our plant be as inadequate for our needs THEN as the present one is NOW? In the logic of things, our rapid rate of growth—past and present—foretells with our plans for the future, all seem to indicate that IT WILL!

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ALDERMEN TO MEET

STAR COMPANY MAY ERECT FACTORY HERE

Bill Pass on Pending \$200,000 Bond Issue to-morrow Night.

Plans Not Definitely Matured, Says B. F. Conpage, Manager for Clothing Concern.

Whether or not the Star Clothing Manufacturing Company of Missouri may erect a large factory in Richmond, or if any of its members will be definitely stated before the holding of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday evening, is the question now.

Mr. Conpage, who is the managing director of the clothing concern, said:

"Such a factory might be located here, but I have not had the pleasure of the plans of my company to show me.

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Another member of the committee, Mr. Powers, and Alderman John J. Mitchell, also expressed the opinion that the company has no definite plan to erect a large factory in Richmond.

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